



St. James the Greater Church

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4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 28, 2024

MASS TIMES

Saturday 5:00pm

Sunday 10:00am & 12:00pm

Weekday

Tuesday thru Friday 9:00am

1st Saturday of the month 9:00am

CONFESSION

Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 9:30 -10:00am

No Confession on Thursday

Saturday 4:00 - 4:30pm

(or by appointment)

OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday

9:00am - 3:00pm

*Closed from 12:00-12:30pm for lunch,
and on all statutory holidays.*



Thank you for joining us! We warmly welcome all new parishioners and visitors to our parish. If you are new to our parish community, please fill out a registration form available on our website, at the SW entrance of the church, or at the parish office.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for the month of January: For the gift of diversity in the Church. We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

PARISH STAFF

Pastor—Fr. Eligio "Eli" Canete - eligiocanete@gmail.com

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The Shepherd Speaks—Fr. Eli

What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God. But Jesus rebuked him, saying, BE SILENT AND COME OUT OF HIM! And the unclean spirit, convulsing the man and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him.

What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? What does Jesus have to do with our sins, with our unclean spirits, unclean thoughts, and plans? What does Jesus have to do with you and me? What does Jesus have to do with our family, with our community? What does Jesus have to do with our lives?

The answer we find in the Gospel is equally true today. Jesus wants to stay with us, to live with us, and to offer us good and happy life. But as long as we have in our life's vices and sins, impure thoughts and actions, unclean spirits, Jesus will drive them out, wash our sins, and will help us to be free from any bondage and slavery that threaten and undermine the dignity of our life.

Jesus speaks to us in our daily encounter with Him. Jesus wants to protect us, to heal us, to make us clean, to live a peaceful and happy life. Why?

Because each one of us belongs to God. We are His. We are created in the image and likeness of God. A Christian does not merely die. Christian dies in Christ. Those two words, IN CHRIST, make all the difference in the world.

We belong to God by baptism, and we live in God by a life of prayer, obedience to His teachings, and faithfulness to the sacraments of the Church. If we live in Christ and die in Christ, we will rise in Christ.

What does God our Father have to do with us, and with our life? I invite you to reflect and think about this beautiful prayer from psalm 139.

Lord, you have probed me, you know me, you know when I sit and stand. You understand my thoughts from afar. You sift through my travels and my rest. With all my ways, you are familiar. Even before a word is on my tongue, Lord, you know it all.

You formed my inmost being, you knit me in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am wonderfully made, wonderful are your works. My very self you know. My bones are not hidden from you. when I was being made in secret, fashioned in the depths of the earth, your eyes saw me unformed. In your book all are written down, my days were shaped, before one came to be.

Why is this true? Why then, are we here? The only answer ultimately is that God loves us. It is His love, His choice, that brought us out of the nothingness we were. God loves us and so we exist.

God is speaking to us at the very heart and soul of our life. God also speaks to us also through the people as what Moses told while Paul reminds us that anxiety is not God's plan for any of us.

Today, the Lord is telling us, "if today you hear and listen to my voice harden not your hearts." And the Lord turns to us and says, now you know more about who I am, Come, follow me. Come and see! Learn of me, for I am gentle and humble of heart. Amen.

Thank you to all who attended our C.A.S.E. (Creating a Safe Environment) program last Sunday and to Ingrid Trewin who presented the program. Special thanks to our Sudanese community for serving coffee and especially to the students who were assisting with the kitchen and with babysitting. It was a long time to keep the little ones in one small space! Thank you for your help. For those who missed it, please contact our volunteer screening coordinator, Kerstin Daly, for further options in order to complete your volunteer requirements.

We say goodbye to our bookkeeper, **Magda Aguilon**, who will be moving on to a different job. We thank Magda for her service to our parish and wish her well in her future endeavours. If you are interested in applying for the bookkeeper position, please consult the Roman Catholic Diocese of Calgary—[Employment page](#).

2024 Ultimate Cash Raffle & 50/50 Add-On In support of the Calgary Catholic School District

\$30,000 in prizes!

Tickets available online from January 1 to February 29, 2024

The earlier you buy, the more chances you have to win.

For full raffle details, please visit: cceffraffle.com

World Day of Social Communications - Pope's Message

In his message for the 58th World Day of Social Communications, Pope Francis urges humanity to cultivate wisdom of the heart in the age of artificial intelligence (AI). AI is "radically affecting the world of information and communication, and through it, certain foundations of life in society," says the Pope in his Communications Day message, adding that "these changes affect everyone." [Click Here](#)

**Tuesday, January 30**

9:00am Intention of Marian & Art Brister

Wednesday, January 31

9:00am Healing for the People in China

Thursday, February 1

9:00am Franco Valerio—R/S

Friday, February 2

9:00am Stanley Pinto—R/S

Saturday, February 3

9:00am Eleno B. Laga—R/S

5:00pm Carmine D'Ippolito—R/S

Sunday, February 4

10:00am Rudy & Carmela Torjan—R/S

12:00pm St James Parish

**World Day of the Sick
Mass & Anointing of the Sick
Saturday, February 10**

9:00am

St James Church

For residents living in Carewest Garrison Green, Carewest Royal Park, and Staywell Manor, Fr. Eli will anoint these residents when he is there to celebrate their monthly Masses.

Seeds of the Word

The Seeds of the Word Community will be visiting us next weekend. They will be selling the 2024 Compendium of Lectio Divina (\$20 each) and homemade bread and cookies after the weekend Masses.

Sunday Collection

January 21

Regular: \$1788 PAPS: \$1638

Total: \$3426

Mission Council Cards

What should I do with used or unused Christmas cards? Bring them to the parish office! With your support, Mission Council was able to donate \$7,200 in 2023 to local and international missions.

Lost & Found

We have quite a collection of items found in the church over the last few months. Our Lost & Found basket is located on the shelf above the coat rack in the hall. Items not removed by the middle of February will be discarded or donated.

Did You Miss Confirmation Registration?

Please contact the office as soon as possible.

**IMPORTANT CHANGE:
THE DATE FOR OUR CONFIRMATION
CELEBRATION HAS CHANGED TO JUNE 5.**

Registration is open to all students who:

- Are in grade 6 or higher
- Have been baptized (copy of baptism certificate required)
- Have celebrated First Communion

Our preparation program for the Sacrament of Confirmation will run between February and May with monthly mandatory in-person classes on Thursdays from 7:30—8:30pm in the parish hall. This is a student/parent program and therefore students must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Notes from the Knights

Lenten Friday Fish Fry begins on Friday, February 16 at 6:30pm. More information to follow.

Mark Your Calendars!

Garage Sale

June 7 & 8

More information to follow.

Family Enrichment Retreat

Talk #1

God's Plan for the Family

St James Parish Hall

Saturday, February 10

6:30—8:30pm

All parishioner are welcome.

For more information, contact:

Christian or Jennifer Tsai

Family & Youth Ministry Coordinators

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Pilgrimage to Italy

October 7 - 18, 2024

Under spiritual leadership of Fr. Eli Canete

www.ihtours.com

\$5290/person

Information Night in the Parish Hall

Wednesday, March 20

6:30pm

Lent begins with **Ash Wednesday** on February 14.
Mass and Distribution of Ashes at 9am & 7pm.

This Week at the Church

Monday	7:00pm	Legion of Mary
Tuesday	8:30am	Rosary
	9:00am	Mass/Confession
	9:30am	Marian/Divine Mercy Cenacle
	7:00pm	Parish Council
Wednesday	8:30am	Rosary
	9:00am	Mass//Confession
	1:00pm	Choir
	7:15pm	RCIA
Thursday	8:30am	Rosary
	9:00am	Mass /Confession
Friday	9:00am	Mass/Confession/Adoration
	1:00pm	Sing-a-long for Seniors
Saturday	9:00am	Mass
	10:30am	Baptism Prep (Tentative)
	12:00pm	Pastoral Care Team Lunch
	4:00pm	Confession
	5:00pm	Mass
Sunday	10:00am	Mass
	11:00	RCIA
	12:00pm	Mass

RESOURCES FOR CHILDREN

Kid's Bulletin—[Click Here](#)
 Kid's Coloring Page—[Click Here](#)
 Children's Liturgy of the Word—[Click Here](#)

We thank **Enchanted Petals** for the ongoing assistance with our floral arrangements.
 Place an order and receive 10% off.
 Use coupon code:
 enchantedpetals10

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**across the street from the church*



HAVE YOU MOVED?

Tax receipts will be mailed out mid- February.
 Please ensure that we have your correct mailing address. If you've moved, let us know!

We Pray for the Sick and All Who Care for Them

Emma Boccardo, Stephanie Davis, Wendy Denis, Gaetano Dumo, Fr. Noel Farman, Mary Figley, Marie Funke, Aidan Hanes, Sylvia Harris, Ann Hayes, Charlotte Johansen, Dean Klein, Clifford MacFarlane, McDonald/Born Family, Bill Montgomery, Mark Naylen, Elliott Nowell, Rita Ortiz-Waschmann, Andrew Pelletier, Jorge Carlos Rotela, Gabriel Serpas, Brad Sluiter, Shirley Valentine, Richard Zelichowski

And For Those Who Have Died

Mary Erazo, Kendra O'Hare

We Are So Grateful For Your Financial Support!

- ♦ Online giving on the "Contribute" page of our website—one time or monthly with debit, Visa, Visa debit, Mastercard, or American Express
- ♦ Mastercard, Visa or Debit through the office—one time donation or monthly
- ♦ Pre-authorized Withdrawal (Direct Deposit) - get forms from the office or at the church entrance
- ♦ E-transfer to ***isupport@stjamescagary.org***
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